# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
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MAIN BATTLE TANK ARJUN
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has failed to achieve the production of Main Battle Tank, Arjun indige- nously and its components are still being imported;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay in delivery of Arjun Mark II to the Army by DRDO;

(c) whether the Army has been demanding new tech- nical changes in the Arjun Mark II;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the changes effected to the Tank till date; and

(e) the time by which the Arjun Mark II is likely to be delivered to the Army?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): Defence Research and Development Orga- nisation (DRDO) has designed and developed Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun, a multi disciplinary Armoured Fighting Vehicle, which has already been inducted into Army. Heavy Vehicle Factory (HVF) at Avadi, Chennai is the production agency of MBT Arjun. Out of total indented quantity of 124 Nos., 122 MBT Arjun Mk-I have been produced and inducted into Army. Two Armoured Regiments (43 & 75 Armd Regts) of MBT Arjun Mk-I have been raised and operationalised. Efforts for reduction of the import content of MBT Arjun is a continuous process. DRDO is presently engaged in the development of MBT Arjun Mk-II with 73 improvements (including 15 major improvements) over MBT Arjun Mk-I. Out of these 73 improvements, 53 have been found successful based on User trials. No time line for induction into Army can be fixed at this stage.